

## **THE DONOVAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE INVESTIGATION** **GOES BEYOND ELECTIONS FRAUD**

As was explained in earlier writings, the fraud that is revealing itself through the investigations of the Donovan campaign for Congress, found their beginnings in the early and mid-1990's. The deception was devised and implemented by the same individuals in office today and includes the likes of those currently indicted involving the campaign finance scandal.

In the early and mid 1990's, Governor Rowland, Attorney General Blumenthal, The Office of the Comptroller, along with SEBAC featuring Attorney Livingston, Workers Compensation Commission, various members of the State Legislature, with several other public and private officials, defrauded African American and Latino injured corrections officers of their disability benefits through what is now being called "artificial reductions" or "unfunded liabilities," established in SEBAC IV & V. Administered with the help of OPM, Labor Relations and Department of Administrative Services, This fraud was implemented by all of the above government agencies as they all performed their roles. These monies are found in the surplus account of the WCC 2004-2005, referred to by Rep. Cafero as: "two sets of books.....being kept."

Also, stated in various informational materials, the union members of the Department of Corrections to include SEIU members, assigned injured African American and Latino workers to be represented by a select group of pre assigned assistant attorney generals working covertly on behalf of the state to undermine the constitutional and civil rights of minority employees. These injured African American and Latino workers were systematically forced into suburban institutions, then were defrauded and constructively discharged of their employment and stripped of their benefits without any representation {As the attorneys were in fact Assistant Attorney Generals working on behalf of the State of Connecticut interest and not in the interest of the injured African American or Latino worker.} from the union who in turn made agreements with the Caucasian union members and attorneys to receive their benefits in exchange for Black and Hispanic workers not receiving theirs.

In the following articles, notice that Mr. Soucy is a member of the Chesire Council 4 AFSCME representing those overlapping areas as Donovan, and they both were instrumental in the workings of the unions against equal benefits for all workers. He actually applies for a disability retirement during the process of confessing to crimes. It won't be out of the ordinary for him to have his application approved, given how many African American and Latino benefits he assisted the state in disapproving. He may, if this is any indication of the fraudulent process, receive those benefits. The perfect example of the fraud would be to view the benefits of Michael Cozzolino and other Caucasians whose Hazardous Duty benefits were approved as opposed to African Americans such as myself, similarly situated in employment and injuries, only separated by ethnicity and religion whose benefits were denied, and considered "unfunded liabilities."

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## **Union treasurer pleads guilty to bribery plot**

BY [MICHAEL P. TREMOGLIE](#)

HARTFORD, Conn. (Legal Newsline) - A former union treasurer pleaded guilty July 24 to plotting to bribe a public official.

Harry Raymond Soucy, 60 and of Naugatuck, Conn., is a former employee of the Connecticut Department of Correction and also served as the treasurer of Local 387 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. He pleaded guilty to one count of plotting to bribe a public official, one count of conspiring to make false statements to the Federal Election Commission and obstructing the FEC's enforcement of federal campaign finance laws.

This indictment was part of a larger superseding indictment in which a federal grand jury charged seven individuals with conspiracy and other federal offenses related to an alleged attempt to influence Christopher Donovan, a member of the Connecticut General Assembly who is also candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives by making illegal campaign contributions to him.

The others accused are:

- Robert Braddack, Jr., the former Finance Director for Donovan's campaign;
- Benjamin Hogan, an employee of Smoke House Tobacco, a roll your own smoke shop with two locations in Waterbury;
- David Moffa, the former President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 387, representing employees of the Connecticut Department of Correction;
- Daniel Monteiro, an owner of a company located in Waterbury;
- Joshua Nassi, the former campaign manager for Donovan's campaign;
- Paul Rogers, a co-owner of Smoke House Tobacco; and
- George Tirado, a co-owner of Smoke House Tobacco.

According to the Department of Justice, the defendants engaged in a conspiracy to direct \$27,500 in conduit campaign contributions, which are contributions made by one person in the name of another person. This was to conceal the fact that the individuals who were actually financing the payments had an interest in legislation that was expected to be introduced, and eventually was introduced, before the Connecticut General Assembly during the 2012 legislative session, the DOJ says.

"This indictment represents the Department of Justice's commitment to investigate and

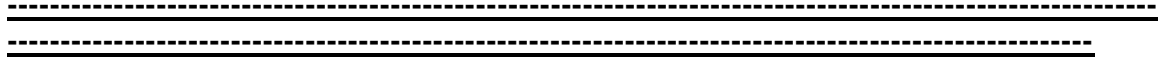
prosecute those who aim to corrupt our system of government and the electoral process," U.S. Attorney David Fein said.

"Eight individuals have been charged with conspiring to disguise the source of contributions to a federal campaign in order to conceal a corrupt effort to influence legislation pending before the Connecticut General Assembly

"Mr. Soucy's guilty plea to bribery and false statement charges attests to the FBI's thorough investigation, which is ongoing."

Soucy could receive a maximum prison term of 20 years on the honest services fraud conviction and a maximum term of imprisonment of five years on the conspiracy conviction.....

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## Middlebury Man Charged In Illegal Federal Campaign Contribution Scheme

Several arrests were made today, July 26, and an eighth defendant pleaded guilty.

By [Paul Singley](#)

Locally, a Naugatuck man has pleaded guilty to conspiring to bribe a public official and making false statements to the Federal Election Commission, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

[Harry "Ray" Soucy](#), 60, of May Street, is charged in an indictment with conspiring to direct \$27,500 in conduit campaign contributions to the campaign of Chris Donovan, a Meriden state representative and speaker of the House of Representatives who is a congressional candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives to represent the fifth district.

When sentenced, Soucy faces a maximum term of 20 years in prison on an honest services fraud conviction and a maximum of five years on a conspiracy conviction.

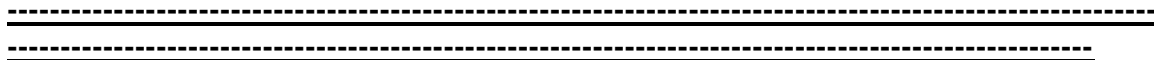
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Soucy, a former employee of the Connecticut Department of Correction who also served in a union leadership position as treasurer of AFSCME, Local 387, officially pleaded guilty on Tuesday before a grand jury to one count of devising a scheme to bribe a public official and one count of conspiring to make false statements to the Federal Election Commission and impede the FEC's enforcement of campaign finance laws.

According to published reports, Soucy had been identified as the middleman who helped organize the fake donor scheme.

Soucy cooperated with federal authorities after checks written by his mother, Anne Soucy, were discovered. Republicans in the House of Representatives who oversee the PACs to which the checks were written have also returned checks to Anne Soucy.

The Republican-American of Waterbury has reported that Soucy has retired after being placed on paid leave and that he's seeking a disability pension. (Note: More information about Soucy's involvement provided by the U.S. Attorney's Office is attached to this article as a PDF.) .....



## **Soucy pleads guilty as others indicted in campaign scandal**

Friday, July 27, 2012

by Paul Hughes and Jonathan Shugarts, Special to the Citizen's News

NAUGATUCK — Harry Raymond Soucy of Naugatuck pleaded guilty to charges in connection to a federal investigation involving contributions to House Speaker Christopher Donovan's campaign for a congressional seat in the state's 5th District.

Federal prosecutors announced Thursday that Soucy, 60, pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of devising a scheme to bribe a public official and one count of conspiring to make false statements to the Federal Election Commission. Soucy faces up to 25 years in prison when he is sentenced.

Soucy presented himself as a political puppet master who could use his pull with Donovan to get things done in the legislature.

Soucy, according to federal prosecutors, agreed to use his influence as part of a criminal conspiracy to help kill legislation that owners of roll-your-own cigarette shops opposed.

He bragged that Donovan was his “good friend,” and that the speaker could use his position to help roll-your-own shops. He set up a meeting between selected shop owners and Donovan last November.

Then Soucy later became an FBI informant who helped set up shop owners and high-ranking workers in Donovan’s congressional campaign.

Prosecutors did not provide any information about a plea deal, so it is not known what, if any, considerations Soucy will receive for agreeing to work with investigators. The government on Thursday released a 19-page charging document that provided more details of Soucy’s involvement in the conspiracy.

Soucy was described in the document as one of the players who devised the scheme to use straw contributors to make illegal contributions to Donovan’s campaign. The conspiracy’s aim was to block legislation that might be harmful to roll-your-own businesses. Conspirators contributed \$27,500 to Donovan to stop that from happening.

“So everybody understands, politics is about the Benjamins,” Soucy allegedly said when he solicited a contribution from a tobacco shop owner last November.

According to the scheme, shop owners agreed to initially contribute \$10,000 to Donovan and give up to \$30,000 more later if necessary.

Owners of roll-your-own businesses became concerned about the legislature after the Department of Revenue Services went to court to try to shut down one shop last summer. Federal investigators say Soucy described the illegal contributions to Donovan as a hedge in a conversation with a shop owner.

“If it goes good for you in court, you know they’re gonna try and come with legislation. That’s what you’re buying. You’re buying insurance,” he reportedly said.....